

Briedenthal

Copy

June 22, 1960.

Mrs. Ursula Edwards Whitsell
R.R. #2
West Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Whitsell:

Your application papers on the record of Mathias Briedenthal have been examined and we find that further help is needed from you.

Your evidence is requested covering all statements in the third, fourth, and fifth generations. Enclosed you will find the obituary of Mathew Breidenthal. Please have it notarized and return it to us. Since it does not give the publication date of the newspaper from which it was obtained, it does not furnish proof for the death date of Mathew Breidenthal. Therefore, if you know the date of publication, please add it to the copy.

We are enclosing a marked pamphlet that will be of assistance to you in securing the evidence that we need.

Upon receipt of the requested data, your application papers will be reexamined. The next Board Meeting will be held on October 12th.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Austin C. Hayward)
Registrar General, N.S.D.A.R.

cc to:

Miss Rula E. Barbee
Registrar, Fort Harrison Chapter
R. R. #2
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Rural Route #2
West Terre Haute, Indiana
July 2, 1962

Mrs. Austin C. Hayward
Registrar General, N.S.D.A.R.
1776 D. Street., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Hayward:

I am enclosing the proof which you requested for the verification of my papers now pending for membership in Fort Harrison Chapter D.A.R. at Terre Haute, Indiana.

The proof requested was as follows:

Proof for third generation-

Parentage of Elmyra Briedenthal-Mortuary record attached.

Place of birth and date of birth of Mathew Briedenthal-
Notarized obituary attached.

Place of death and date of death of Mathew Briedenthal-
Notarized obituary attached.

Proof for fourth generation-Photostatic copy of will of
Mathias Bridendoll attached.

Proof for fifth generation-Photostatic copy of will of
Mathias Bridendoll attached.

Sincerely yours,

Am Happy to see I can
we have pictures of 3000 PERSONS
in Album of my & wife relatives

my wife is DAR on
Terre Haute, Indiana
Rural Route #2
January 11, 1962.

Mr. O.W. Breidenthal
3400 Norledge Place,
Kansas City 23, Mo.

Dear Mr. Breidenthal:

Attached is a copy of a letter which I sent you some
time ago, seeking information to complete D.A.R. papers
for Mrs. Urzula Whisell. Mrs. Whitsell descends through
Elmyra Breidenthal the daughter of Mathew Breidenthal.
We must prove this and the obituary is the proof. We have
a copy of the obituary but need to know the name of the
newspaper in which it was published. Mrs. Whitsell assures
me that you are so very interested in this and that she is
sure you did not receive my first letter.

I sincerely hope you can help with this very difficult
problem.

Sincerely yours,

- The B Line*
- Gen Hon *Gula E. Barber* *In Bedford Co water mill now 1954 RUNS SINCE 1812*
- I *Mathias Breidenthal* *sup. giving 1/2 square miles*
Ger. 1750 - 1827 Bedford Co Pa
X Hessian Soldier in Battle of
Trenton, N. Jersey *Genealogist*
of this city says some are now
admitted to Sons of or DAR
- II *HON* *John HENRY B. 10-7-1784 TO 11-8-1868*
Fairview Cem Martinsburg Pa
wed Mary Elizabeth DODSON
I think her mother was a Steele
before wed to John DODSON Junior
- III *Mathew Breidenthal* *Chetopa Kansas Cem*
+ Henrietta Eleanor YOUNG VERY PROMINENT
- IV *Elmyra "ELLA" Jane B*
wed w/om Cornthwaite
- V *Lottie* VI *Urzula whitsell*

I have original copy of
Chetopa paper Apr. 1878 & write up
of Mathews B Family just arrived
from Terre Haute & bot a certain form.

Dear Mr. Briedenthal:

I recently worked on the Daughters of the American
Revolution application papers for Mrs. Urzula Whitsell.
Mrs. Whitsell gave me the data which you had passed on
to her, on the Briedenthal family. From this I completed
her papers as nearly as possible and sent them on to nat-
ional headquarters.

We have had inquiries from national as follows:
Chetopa Kansas paper Apr. 4, 1884
1. Date of publication and name of newspaper which
published the obituary of Mathew Briedenthal.

2. The name of anyone who has previously gone into
D.A .R. on this family line. *Know of none*

If you can assist with any of the above information,
it will be much appreciated by both Mrs. Whitsell & myself.

*we know
the plotter
etc*

wed Henrietta Eleanor YOUNG
Rev FATHER JOHN YOUNG Junior
However Mathew
Briedenthals

Gen II

Father Hon John HENRY B 10-7-1784 Ger
to U.S. 1796) DIE 11-8-1868.
Wed 1808 much data in Penna Archives

Mary Elizabeth DODSON

These were DODSONS IN

*They eloped on
horse
wed 2 am
mt. Frenchville
Bedford Pa*

Rev. War.

*"Since", Mathew was a provost
marshall in Henderson Twp.,
near Leesport Minn this not called
a civil war & ter of civil war*

*There are YOUNG in
Rev. War*

Dear Mr. Bridenbath:
I recently worked on the daughters of the American
Revolution application papers for Mrs. Ursula Whittell.
Mrs. Whittell gave me the data which you had passed on
to her, on the Bridenbath family. From this I completed
her papers as nearly as possible and sent them on to nat-
ional headquarters.

We have had inquiries from national as follows:
Date of publication and name of newspaper which
published the obituary of Matthew Bridenbath.

2. The name of anyone who has previously gone into
D.A.R. on this family line.

If you can assist with any of the above information,
it will be much appreciated by both Mrs. Whittell & myself.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

[Signature]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

Exact copy of letter written by Grandfather1
M. Breidenthal2, June 9th — 1867.

My Dear Wife

Having no pen and ink at hand, I am
going to use the pencil. but now Lizzie3 came
in and handed me the pen.

I am now writing to you in the room occupied
by Hezakiah4 and Lizzie at the Binton5 house

Binton (?)

I arrived at the place yesterday about 5 o'clock
P.M.

Thank fortune the wheels that have been carrying
me so swiftly from home have stopped, and
I can at last look towards home again, if
I can not go there.

My reception by the friends here was a very
warm one: but with all this I am home sick.

My thoughts are all the time about home. & if I
could be with you today how happy I would be!
If I just knew you were all well, it would
be a great satisfaction.

Poor little Charly6 asked me at the cars
when I would be back. I had to tell him I did
not know. A very hard answer to give a child.

I wrote you from St Paul—hope you got the letter.
I forgot to say a thing about the rain we had
in St. Paul Wed. night. It rained about 6 hours
--came down in torrents. Did it rain at
home the same time?

I came over some very poor country coming
from La+7 to this place.

Minnesota is a paradise compared to a
great portion of the country thru which I came.

This place, Terre Haute is quite a city—perhaps
25,000.

My pass8 was no go. It cost me just \$35.00
dollars to get here. Had 40 cts left when I
got here. I stopped at the Terre Haute House
when I came.

I then found out where the nave house⁹
was and called there, but neither Sammie¹⁰
or Hezakiah were there.

I told the nave house man to tell Sammie to
come to the Hotel. There was a man there wanted
to see him.

Sammy was so excited he told Lizzie to tell
Hesakiah that Uncle was at the Binting house,
meaning the Terre Haute House. They were soon
down to see me. I just come out from supper.
Hesakiah paid the bill, and of course I had to go
to the same home¹¹ where they are stopping—a
very good one, by the way.

Hesakiah invited me to take a walk in
the evening, and treated me to a very nice hat
as a present, worth \$3.00—said he had not
seen me for 6 years and could afford to buy
me a hat. Of course it was acceptable.

We had strawberries today for dinner, which
would have been very nice, if I could have
been with you at home to share with me.

I can say but little about business, at present;
no doubt I might build up quite a lucrative
business, but how can I live so far from my family?

Lizzie is quite unwell today with
sick headache. The babe¹² is well, a very
fine little puss.

I will expect you to write often.
I for got to send my knife back to Johnny¹³

I will send you some money, just as soon as
I can get hold of some.

I will send money to pay Moss¹⁴ for those
potatoes.

You ought to cut off the eyes and plant them
along side of the oats, where the ground is
partly ploughed. I will write soon again.
I remain as ever, your affectionate husband.
I will expect the girls to write. M. Breidenthal

[Transcribed January 9, 2004 by Brett Nordgren, from a handwritten copy, probably made by Lottie
Cornthwaite.]

Brett Nordgren <Brett3an@bnordgren.org>

- 1 This was first transcribed either by Oren Breidenthal or by Lottie Cornthwaite, both of whom were grandchildren of Matthew. The handwriting would appear to be Lottie's. It was written in ink on lined notebook paper and included in Lottie's genealogy ring-binder. We have not seen the original letter.
- 2 Matthew John Breidenthal, son of John Henry B.
- 3 Elizabeth Johnson Breidenthal, wife of Hezekiah.
- 4 Hezekiah Breidenthal, son of John Matthew B. and so, a nephew of Matthew John B., the writer.
- 5 In Beckwith, *History of Vigo and Parke Counties* there is a reference to a Terre Haute hotel, named the "Buntin House".
- 6 Charles M., youngest son of Matthew & Henrietta, almost 5 at the time of this letter.
- 7 Possibly Matthew's abbreviation for LeSueur, his home town.
- 8 I am speculating that Matthew had a railroad pass, either dating from the time he was doing business with the railroad in Pittsburgh, or perhaps obtained in connection with his previous activities in Minnesota.
- 9 Could this be "Navy House"? So far we have found no references to either place name in Terre Haute.
- 10 Probably Samuel, a younger brother of Hezekiah.
- 11 Possibly a misreading of the word "hotel" in the original.
- 12 Anna C., daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth B., born in 1865.
- 13 Probably John W., Matthew & Henrietta's 7th child, born in 1858.
- 14 We have not yet discovered who "Moss" refers to.

BRIENDENTHAL

Donated by
Rula Barbee

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

State Indiana

City Terre Haute

Name of Chapter Fort Harrison

National Number

(~~MISS~~ Mrs.)

(First name)

(Middle or Maiden name)

Whitsell
(Last name)

Wife ☒ Widow ☐ Divorced ☐ Bruce Whitsell
(Husband)

Residence

Number

Street

City

State

DESCENDANT OF

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

Chapter Regent.

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Chapter Registrar.

Chapter Secretary.

Application, duplicate, and Fees received by Treasurer General

Application and duplicate received by Organizing Secretary General

Application and duplicate received by Registrar General

Application verified and approved

Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management, 19

Recording Secretary General.

Endorsement for membership at large:

State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the two undersigned members of the Society in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally known. Endorsers must be of same Chapter; if joining At Large, of the same State.

ENDORSED IN HANDWRITING BY

Name

Name

Residence

Residence

Chapter

Chapter

When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, N.S.D.A.R., 1776 D St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C., with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society. The application, information thereon, and supplementary data becomes the property of the National Society.

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LINEAGE

I, _____ being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Mathias von Briendenthal who was born in Darmstadt, Germany on the _____ day of _____, 1750 and died in _____ on the _____ day of _____, 1827 His place of residence during the Revolution was _____

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

I am the daughter of

1.

Birt D. Edwards born on _____ at _____ died at Vigo county, Indiana on _____ and his (first or _____) wife Lottie J. Cornthwaite born on 12-24-1875 at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

2. The said Lottie J. Cornthwaite was the child of

William Cornthwaite born on 4-13-1849 at Parke county, Indiana died at Parke county, Indiana on 8-13-1917 and his (first or _____) wife Elmyra J. Briendenthal born on 11-25-1853 at Pittsburg, Pa. died at Vigo county, Indiana on 6-17-1926 married on 1-23-1878

3. The said Elmyra J. Briendenthal was the child of

Mathew Briendenthal born on 11-11-1819 at Bedford county, Pa. died at Oswego, Kansas on 4-5-1884 and his (first or _____) wife Henrietta Eleanor Young born on 4-30-1822-3 at Pittsburg, Pa. died at Chetopa, Kansas on 8-8-1889 married on 9-21-1841

4. The said Mathew Briendenthal was the child of

Henry Briendenthal born on 10-7-1784 at Darmstadt, Germany died at _____ on 1868 and his (first or _____) wife Elizabeth Dodson born on 10-8-1786 at Maryland died at _____ on 4-12-1854 married on _____

5. The said Henry Briendenthal was the child of

Mathias von Briendenthal born on 1750 at Darmstadt, Germany died at _____ on 1827 and his (first or _____) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

6. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

7. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of

_____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____ born on _____ at _____ died at _____ on _____ married on _____

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10. The said _____ was the child or
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

REFERENCES FOR LINEAGE

Give National Numbers of mother _____; grandmother _____; or
any other close relatives credited with this ancestor _____.

Give below Authorities, published or unpublished, covering all names, dates,
places and connections between generations in this line from the grandparents
through the generation of this Revolutionary ancestor. Send one certified,
attested or photostatic copy of each piece of unpublished data. Cite published
authorities by title, author, edition, volume and page.

3rd. Mortuary Record - Vigo Co. Ind
Family Records

4th Gen. Family Records

5th Gen. Will of Mathias Briedenthal-3-2-1826-Bedford Co., Pa.
Book 2, page 228-Died in Ayr Twp.

6th Gen. Tax rolls of Peters & Montgomery Twp. Franklin Co., Pa.
Revolutionary War land grant- Ayr Twp. Franklin Co., Pa.

6th Gen.

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Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married

- (1) to _____ at _____, 1 _____
(2) to _____ at _____, 1 _____
(3) to _____ at _____, 1 _____

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

(By each marriage, if married more than once)

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once
Henry	10-7-1784	D/ 9-21-1868
John Anthony	ca 1788	
Henry Peter	12-21-1761	B. 1861
Phillip		1783
Eliza Ann		
Rebecca Elizabeth		

I was born on ³⁻²⁴⁻¹⁹⁰⁵ 3-24-1905 at ^{Parke Co. Ind} Parke county, Indiana
married on ⁴⁻²⁸⁻¹⁹²³ 4-23-1923 at ^{Bloomington} Bloomington, Ind. by _____
to ¹²⁻²⁵⁻¹⁹⁰¹ Bruce Whitsell who was born on 12-25-1901

Divorced on _____ at _____

ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who its not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

*Marriage in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful marriage.
Date of marriage may be substituted for dates of birth and death where such date proves the soldier to have been living during the Revolution and of a suitable age for service.
(Note: Resolution adopted by the twenty-fourth Continental Congress:
Descendants of polygamous marriage are not acceptable as members of this Society.)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD; Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

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The following form of acknowledgment is required:
Applicant further says that the said (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies to applicants for membership within the United States of America and its territories.

(Signature of Applicant) (First name) (Middle or Maiden name) (Last name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at (City) (State)

this day of A. D.

[SEAL]

Signature of Notary.

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10. The said was the child of
 born on at
 died at on and his (first or) wife
 born on at
 died at on married on

In the space below, give reference to the authority for EACH statement of Birth, Marriage and Death. If from published records, give names of books and page numbers. If from unpublished records, a photocopy, or attested or certified copy shall accompany the application.

- 2nd Gen.
- 3rd Gen.
- 4th Gen. *Mar 1812 - Land grant in Pa.*
- 5th Gen. *Will of Mathias - 3-2-1826 - Bedford Co. Pa*
- 6th Gen. *Bedford Co. Pa. Book 2 p. 228 - Apr Twp - 3-2-1826 -*
- 7th Gen. *Will of Mathias B. Tax rolls of Peters & Montgomery Twp. Franklin Co. Pa. Rev. Mar Land. Grant - Apr Twp. Franklin Co. Pa.*
- 8th Gen. *Peters 1807*
- 9th Gen. *Franklin 1799*
- 10th Gen. *Henry Ex of father's will*

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

1796
 My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Children:

- Henry 10-7-1784 - D. 9-21-1868*
- John 1788*
- Peter 12-21-1761 D. 1876*
- Phillip 1783*
- Eliza Ann*
- Rebecca Eliz.*

Give below references, by volume and page, to the authority for the above claimed service. When reference is to unpublished or inaccessible record, photocopy or certified copy of such record, as outlined in Requirements for and Preparation of Application Papers, must accompany the application.

Check - Mrs. Lawrie Breidenthal
Canastota, Pa.
Land grant - New Martinsburg - Bedford Co. now Blair Co. Pa.

D 4406

MAR 24 - 1905 Park Co.

4-28-

Bruce 5 1901 Vigo Co

Bloomington

APPLICANT'S WORKING SHEET

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

THIS WORKING SHEET SHOULD NOT BE RETURNED WITH APPLICATION

(Miss or Mrs.) Urgula Whitwell Wife or Widow of _____

Descendant of _____
(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

I am the daughter of

1.

Bert D. Edwards born on _____ at _____
died at Vigo County, Ind. on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
Lettie J. Cornthwaite born on 12-24-1878 at Parke Co. Ind.
died at 3-1-1960 on Indianapolis, Ind. married on 3-6-1901

2. The said Lettie J. Cornthwaite was the child of

Wm. Cornthwaite born on 4-13-1849 at Parke Co., Ind.
died at Parke Co. Ind. on 8-13-1917 and his (first or _____) wife
Elmyra J. Briedenthal born on 11-25-1853 at Pittsburg, Pa.
died at Vigo Co. Ind. on 6-17-1926 married on 1-23-1878

3. The said Elmyra J. Briedenthal was the child of

Mathew Briedenthal born on 11-11-1819 at Bedford Co., Pa.
died at Osawego, Kansas on 4-5-1884 and his (first or _____) wife
Henrietta Eleanor born on 4-30-1822 at Bedford Co., Pa.
died at Chetopa, Kansas on 8-8-1889 married on 9-21-1841

4. The said Mathew Briedenthal was the child of

Henry Briedenthal born on 10-7-1784 at Darmstadt Germany
died at Martinsburg, Pa. on 9-21-1868 and his (first or _____) wife
Elizabeth Roden born on 10-8-1786 at Maryland
died at _____ on 4-12-1854 married on _____

5. The said Henry Briedenthal was the child of

Mathias von Briedenthal born on 1750 at Darmstadt, Germany
died at Bedford Co., Pa. on 1846 and his (first or _____) wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

6. The said _____ was the child of

born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

7. The said _____ was the child of

born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said _____ was the child of

born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of

born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

Deaths
Rec'd for Elmyra

Mathew
in line
Mar.

PENNSYLVANIA

BEDFORD COUNTY Personally appeared before the subscriber Register for the probate of Wills and granting letters of administrations in and for said county John W. Bohn and Stephen Puterbaugh the subscribing witness to the within instrument of writing and being duly sworn and affirmed according to law, say that they were personally present and heard and saw the testator Michael Bridendoll, sign seal publish and declare the within instrument of writing as and for this last will and testament, that at the time thereof the testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding according to the best of their knowledge and belief-and that they subscribed their names thereto as Witnesses in presence of the testator and at his request-and that John Fletchers name was thereon written as one of the executors before signing the same.

Affirmed to by Stephen Buderbaugh
Sworn to by John W. Bohn & subscribed
the 17th day of February A. D. 1827
Before Job. Mann

John W. Bohn
Stephen Puterbaugh

Register

Be it Remembered that on the 17th day of February 1827, Letters of Testamentary issued to John Hoe & John Fletcher two of the Executors in the foregoing Will named they having been first duly Sworn according to Law. And also Sworn according to the direction of the Act of Assembly passed 7th March 1826, entitled "An act 5th March 1827, Henry Bridenthol Sworn Executor.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Mathias Bridendoll of Air Township Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind memory and understanding and considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end that I may have all my worldly concerns settled when it shall please God to call me home, do therefore make and declare this last will and testament in manner following that is to say. First I commend my soul into the hands of God my creator. My body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned-----

Item I will and desire that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death together with my funeral expenses and all charges shall in the first place be fully paid out of my personal estate which I allow to be sold as soon as convenient after my decease and the residue to be equally divided among my heirs. Viz to my daughter Elizabeth intermarried with John Davis my son Henry Bridendoll. To my daughter Christina intermarried with John Hoe and to the heirs of my daughter Ratchel Decd.-who was intermarried with William Clark----It is my will that my real estate shall be sold by my executors whenever it shall be thought most conducive to the interest of my heirs and divided equally amongst them. And that my executors shall put out the money coming to my daughter Ratchell's children to interest and attend to it until they come of age dividing it equally among my three grandsons, Mathias Clark James Clark and Samuel Clark. And if any of my three grand children should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years, the survivor or survivors shall receive it--

I gave to William Clark the sum of two hundred dollars, which I allow him to have the use of without interest untill my youngest grandson Samuel Clark arrives at the age of twenty one years, at which time it was my will that he pay the said two hundred dollars, to my three grandsons above mentioned and in case any of them should die to the survivors share and share alike--- it is my will that my executors pay to Nancy Bechinger the sum of forty dollars out of my personal estate over and above the wages I may be in debt to her at my decease for the care and attention she has bestowed on me in my sickness--I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint, my son Henry Bridendoll my son in law John Hoe and John Fletcher the executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all and every will by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the second day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

M. Bridendoll

Signed in presence of
John W. Bohn
Stephen Puterbaugh

Mathias vonBreidenthal
B. 1750-Darmstadt, Germany
D. 1827

Henry Breidenthal
B. 10-7-1784-Darmstadt, Germany
D. 1868
M. Elizabeth Dodson
B. 10-8-1786
D. 4-12-1854

Mathew Breidenthal
B. 11-11-1819-Bedford Co., Pa.
D. 4- 5-1884-Oswego, Kansas
M. Henrietta Young-9-21-1841
B. 4-30-1823-Pittsburg, Pa.
D. 8- 8-1889-Chetopa, Kansas

Elmyra Jane Breidenthal
B. 11-25-1853-Pittsburg
D. 6-17-1926-Vigo Co., Indiana
M. William Cornthwaite-1-23-1879
B. 4-13-1849-Parke Co., Ind.
D. 8-13-1917-Parke Co., Ind.

State of Kansas, County of Shawnee, SS.

Kate L. Alderson of lawful age, being first duly sworn in oat says, that she is employed in the Newspaper division of the Kansas State Historical Society. Volumes of the Labette County Democrat a weekly newspaper published in Oswego, Labette county, Kansas, form a part of the newspaper collection preserved by the Society.

Affiant further says that upon examination of such files that the following notice appeared in the issue of Thursday, April 10, 1884.

GONE TO REST
Death of Hon. Matthew Breidenthal.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. Breidenthal, Commissioner from the 2d district, came to Oswego to attend a special meeting of the Board. At about 9 o'clock Thursday morning, while in the Clerk's office, he had a chill; growing worse, a carriage was procured and he was taken to the residence of Mr. Felt, when it soon became evident that he had a severe attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Breidenthal and J.W. Breidenthal were sent for. They arrived Thursday evening, but the husband and father could scarcely recognize them. All that medical skill, or the solicitude of loving relatives and kind friends, could suggest, were of no avail; and at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the spirit of Matthew Breidenthal passed beyond the confines time. His remains were taken to the house of J.W. Breidenthal, in Chetopa, and on Monday the funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. McCreery, in the presence of a large number of friends from Chetopa, Oswego and surrounding country.

MATTHEW BREIDENTHAL was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in November 1819. At the age of 21 he engaged in the Foundry business in the town of Martinsburg, Pa., continuing in that business for some time, and afterwards engaged in farming until 1847 when he removed to the city of Pittsburgh and engaged in the ~~transfer~~ and transfer business, which he carried on extensively for several years, having all the transferring of freight and passengers from the Pennsylvania R.R. to the river and canal, employing over 100 head of horses. During this time he was an intimate friend of Tom Scott, who afterwards became the great Railroad king. In 1856 he moved to Trunpalo, Wisconsin, and engaged in the lumber trade. In 1857 he removed to Sibley county, Minnesota, locating on a farm. In the fall of 1862 he was appointed Provost Marshal for what was classed the worst district in the state, owing to the disloyal sentiment of many of the citizens. This sentiment prevailed to such an extent that Sergt. Britts, of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry, was detailed with 35 mounted men to assist him in discharging the duties of his office. He held the position until the close of the war, and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best Marshals in the State. In 1868 ~~he~~ he removed to the city of Terre Haute, Ind., where he engaged in the grain business. During his residence in that city he was twice elected a member of the common Council, serving four years and doing efficient service in the interest of the city, always opposing any attempt to defraud the city, and encouraging all

measures calculated to benefit it. Meeting with heavy losses during the dull times from 1874 to 1877, he was compelled to move westward, and in the spring 1878, came to Labette county, landing in Chetopa on the 5th day of April. He located on his farm in Elm Grove township where he resided up to the time of his death. His whole life was characterized by the great energy displayed in all his undertakings.

In 1882, he was elected Commissioner from the 2nd district in Labette county, and was in the discharge of his official duties when the grim monster Death, laid his icy fingers upon him. He was a painstaking, conscientious officer, always looking after the people's interest, and enjoying the confidence and esteem of his associates on the Board.

Politically, Mr. Breidenthal was first a Whig, then a Republican, and since 1874 has acted with the Greenback party. He was an energetic man, of strong convictions, and always exerted great influence in the community where he lived.

He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his death; two of whom are unmarried and live with their mother on the farm.

A faithful officer; a worthy citizen; a kind husband; an affectionate father, has departed. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in this hour of affliction.

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March 20, 1961

Miss Rula E. Barbee
R. R. #2
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Barbee,

We have received your letter asking for an obituary of Mathew Briedenthal who died April 5, 1884. Mr. O. W. Breidenthal, 3400 Norledge Place, Kansas City 23, Missouri is a son of Mathew Breidenthal. If you will write him, Mr. Briedenthal will be glad to send you a copy of the obituary.

Very truly yours,

Jean Bowen

(Miss) Jean Bowen
Missouri Valley Room

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*April 10 1884
Gabe's Co. Democrat
Dick Newby
Lived at Cherokee*

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Feb. 3, 1962

Miss Rula E. Barbee
R.R. # 2
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Barbee:

Regarding your inquiry concerning a Chetope newspaper: We do not have any early copies of Kansas newspaper, but you might find them on file with the Kansas Historical Society, Memorial Building, 120 West Tenth, Topeka, Kansas.

According to a History of Kansas Newspapers by William E. Connelley published for the Kansas State Historical Society the early day newspaper was ADVANCE, edited by H. R. Huston, founded in 1868. Apparently the paper was still publishing in 1876 but I am not sure about any later date. Another paper was CHETOPE DEMOCRAT founded in 1888, but that is probably too late for your purpose. Of course such an obituary might have appeared in papers of other towns in the county. There was the INDEPENDENT, W. A. Blair, editor, published in Oswego since 1872.

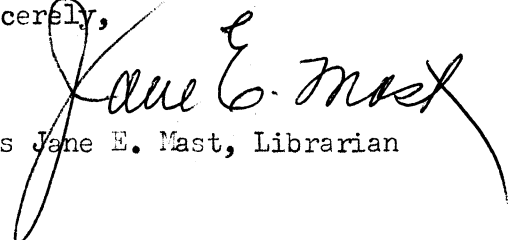
The Historical Society has many of these early papers on file and I would suggest that you write to them.

The Breidenthal family name is still connected with this county. There is a Mr. Morris L. Breidenthal, director of Parsons Commercial Bank. He now lives in Kansas City and can be addressed in care of Security National Bank, Kansas City, Kansas. He might have information about the Matthew Breidenthal you are interested in.

I hope this will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Miss Jane E. Mast, Librarian



1654

HON. Mathias Briedenthal was given several square miles in Bedford county., A water mill was buiilt in 1812. In 1954 it had been in continuous use.

Service: 1750-1827-Bedford county, Pa.

Hessioan soldier in Battle of Trenton N.J.

Hon. John Henry Briedenthal 10-7-1784-----11-8-1868

Fairview Cemetery-Martinsburg, Pa.

Mary Elizabeth Dodson- Her

Mother was probablx a Steele before wed to John Dodson Jr.

Mathew Briedenthal, Chetopa, Kansas Cem.

Henrietta Eleanor Young-very prominent -Pitt. Pa.

Elmyra "Ella" Jane Briedenthal.Jane Briedenthal wed-----

Cornthwaite

Lottie

Erzula Whitsell